

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the vaccine passport legislation.

First and foremost there is no scientific reason to support this legislation as the vaccine does not stop the spread as we have clearly seen. Dr. Fauci stated that the vaccinated carry and shed the same viral load as the unvaccinated. All this legislation will do is insure that those who are vaccinated are spreading the virus as they may ignore the symptoms believing that they are protected from the virus. We now know that even here in Montgomery County, one of the most highly vaccinated jurisdictions in the country, we have had a massive outbreak among those vaccinated.

Secondly, we also know that vaccine hesitancy is highest in our minority communities and this legislation will most negatively impact those communities and risk further alienating and disenfranchising them. We work hard in Montgomery County to be fair and inclusive, and this legislation will cause nothing but alienation and division in those communities that struggle the most.

Third, the small businesses and restaurants that have struggled to survive throughout this pandemic may not survive this. They simply cannot sustain any new negative impacts on their businesses.

The people and business owners in the county have done everything right in following the science and yet the outbreak continues. Instead of punishing our minority and business communities, encourage people to stay home when sick and take necessary precautions to stay safe and limit the spread.

Thank you

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